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SUBJECT: ALLEGED VOA BROADCAST CONCERNING DEATH OF PRES. DIORI

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APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S PROMPT AND DEFINITIVE RESPONSE. I CARRIED MESSAGE TO FRENCH AMBASSADOR GASCHIGNARD WHO EXPRESSED THANKS AS WELL AS APOLOGIES FOR OUR TROUBLE. HE SAID HE HAD NOT WANTED TO GIVE ME FULL DETAILS OVER PHONE, BUT SOURCE OF INFORMATION ABOUT ALLEGED VOA BROADCAST WAS NOT AN EMBASSY OFFICER AS HE HAD IMPLIED BUT PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY WHO HAD CALLED FOCCART ABOUT THE REPORT. FOCCART THEN TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR GASCHIGNARD TO INQUIRE ABOUT REPORT AND TO SEEK IMMEDIATE CONFIRMATION THAT DIORI ALIVE AND UNHARMED. THAT EXPLAINS WHY AMBASSADOR WAS AGITATED AND ALSO WHY HE UNABLE TO GIVE DETAILS REGARDING TIME, FREQUENCIES, ETC. AMBASSADOR TOLD ME FOREIGN MINISTER CONFIRMED DIORI SAFE AND WELL AS HE HAS BEEN SINCE ARREST.

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